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NOVEMBER 5, 1974

To: SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

THE FOLLOWING IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR REVIEW AND CLEARANCE:

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: ROBERT HORNATS

SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP GROUP

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR EARLIER INSTRUCTIONS RESPONDING TO OUR
MEMORANDUM ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT, I HAVE DRAFTED A MEMORANDUM
FROM YOU TO THE PRESIDENT AND A MEMORANDUM FOR YOUR SIGNATURE
ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL FOOD REVIEW GROUP.

THIS GROUP WOULD ENABLE YOU TO EXERCISE THE NECESSARY CONTROL OVER THE FOLLOW-UP. COORDINATION WITH THE ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD WOULD ENABLE ITS MEMBERS TO MAKE AN INPUT WHILE ENSURING THAT YOU REMAIN IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT. IT WILL NIP IN THE BUD THE CRITICISM THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO CIRCUMVENT THE BOARD. COORDINATION WITH MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IS IMPORTANT BUREAUCRATICALLY; IT WILL ENSURE NECESSARY CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE GROUP'S WORK AND WHAT GOES ON IN THE TRADE AREA. WITHOUT IT, WE RISK CONFLICT AND INTERNAL DISORGANIZATION.

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE ATTACHED DRAFT ESTABLISHING THE IFRG.

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOLLOW UP GROUP BE ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT IT CAN BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONFERENCE.

TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL FOCUS AND TO ENSURE THAT THE THRUST OF OUR INITIATIVES IS CARRIED THROUGH ALONG THE LINES THAT YOU AND I HAVE DISCUSSED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH A GROUP BE ESTABLISHED AT THE CABINET LEVEL. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT I CHAIR THE GROUP AND THAT EARL BUTZ BE VICE CHAIRMAN. TO ENSURE PROPER INPUT FROM MEMBERS OF YOUR ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD, SOME OF WHOM WOULD IN ANY CASE BE MEMBERS OF THE FOLLOW UP GROUP, I WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE GROUP COORDINATE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, AS THEY RELATE TO US AGRICULTURE AND TRADE POLICY, WITH THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. I WOULD, OF COURSE, BE IN TOUCH WITH SIMON, SEIDMAN, BUTZ, AND EBERLE ON MAJOR ISSUES IN ANY CASE.

SHOULD YOU APPROVE, I WOULD PROPOSE TO SIGN THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM ESTABLISHING SUCH A GROUP.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FOOD REVIEW GROUP, ALONG THE LINES I HAVE OUTLINED.

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS

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THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR TRADE NEGOTIATION
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC POLICY
BOARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC POLICY

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP GROUP TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL FOOD REVIEW GROUP, COMPRISING THE ADDRESSEES OF THIS MEMORANDUM, BE ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED STATES' DECISIONS AND INITIATIVES STEMMING FROM THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. IT SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FURTHER ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE MEASURES ANNOUNCED AT THE CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ARE TO BE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY.

THE GROUP SHOULD COORDINATE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, AS THEY RELATE TO US AGRICULTURE AND TRADE POLICY, WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD.

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD REVIEW GROUP SHOULD CREATE A WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AS VICE CHAIRMAN. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD COORDINATE WITH US GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. OTHER AGENCIES MAY BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKING GROUP AS APPROPRIATE.

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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